

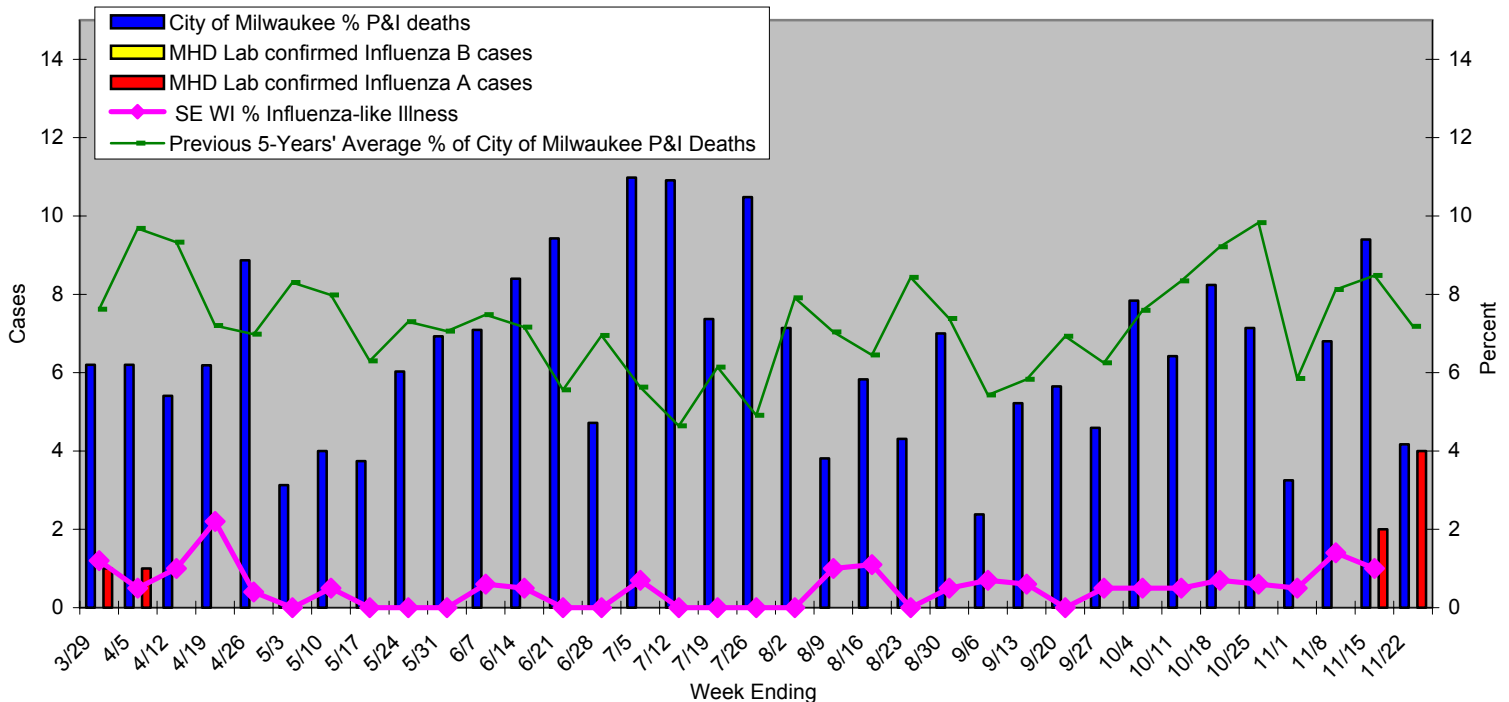


# City of Milwaukee Health Department

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### Milwaukee Influenza Update as of 11/25/03



#### City of Milwaukee Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality:

Each week, the vital statistics office in Milwaukee report to the CDC the total number of death certificates filed and the number of those for which pneumonia was identified as the underlying cause of death or for which influenza was mentioned in any position (data presented is from City of Milwaukee only). In this reporting system, the case definition for pneumonia excludes aspiration pneumonia, pneumonitis and pneumococcal meningitis. The case definition for influenza excludes Haemophilus influenzae. The above number reflects the percentage of all deaths occurring in the City of Milwaukee due to P&I deaths. Since September 27, 2003, Vital Statistics at the MHD has reported 56 P & I deaths. Of these P & I deaths, 2 (4%) have occurred in the <28 days old age group, 0 (0%) have occurred in the 28 days-1 year age group, 0 (0%) have occurred in the 1-14 age group, 0 (0%) have occurred in the 15-24 age group, 2 (4%) have occurred in the 25-44 age group, 5 (9%) have occurred in the 45-64 age group, 10 (18%) have occurred in the 65-74 age group, 12 (21%) have occurred in the 75-84 age group, and 25 (45%) have occurred in those 85 years of age and older.

#### Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory:

Since September 27, 2003 the MHD laboratory has tested 84 specimens for influenza viruses. Six were positive for influenza A and none were positive for influenza B.

#### Influenza-like Illness in Southeastern (SE) Wisconsin:

Since September 27, 2003 the Department of Health and Family Services has reported the percent of influenza-like illness (ILI) present in Wisconsin. ILI is defined as patients who present with a fever >100 degrees F and either a cough or a sore throat. Influenza sentinel providers report the total number of patients seen in clinics and the number of patients who present with ILI, by age group to the CDC on a weekly basis. The percentages are calculated by taking the total number of patients who present with ILI divided by the total number of patients seen during that week. The percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.